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Dear Mr. Boudin,

It may save us both time if I provide a full a history of the enclosed Minuteman record pertaining to the explosion of the Wilkerson house with the record and the few Gratinschi clippings I still have. Other clippings and all of my correspondence with my source, whose name is Olan, are with all the records I obtained from Olan in the custody of Dr. David Wrone, University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point 54481.

Olan turned on after hearing me on a late-night talk show in San Francisco. Later he opened up, told me he was a Minuteman network director, loaned me the records I have since deposited, plus several classified military records of which I do not have copies, and I then made the following uses of them.

I loaned all of them to the Baltimore County Police Bureau, Towson, Md., after introduction by Jay Silverman of the Anti-Defamation League. My main contactxx was with a detective whose first name is Charles. He made xeroxes of them for me and for his bureau. He did not copy the classified records for me. I presume he did for himself. They required photographing. They related to Viet Nam.

I loaned the copy Charles made for me to the FBI, through the special agent of the then Frederick auxiliary office of the Baltimore Field Office, Stewart Lichtinger. He returned them in person, so the FBI could avoid having a letter of thanks in my hands. He read it from a yellow legal pad.

Prior to the disclosures about the FBI that followed the 1974 amending of FOIA, for which I happily accept the credit/blame of the Congress, the Courts and the DJ, I planned a book on the evil done by FBI and other informers. When it became clear that I would not be able to write that book I gave all the research to a friend, who it then turned out also could not find the time. The enclosed On Target is a copy of the copy I made for him before depositing these and other ~~xx~~ records at the university where all my records will go.

In connection with his Detroit # 15 case, as I recall also known as the White

Panthers, I loaned these records to Gerry Lefcourt. I met him in Washington, I believe with an associate, after which a friend of mine drove me home or followed me in his car and returned with the records, which he handed to Lefcourt. As I told you, it required much time and effort to get them back. I believe he said they were in the possession of an associate at Rutgers, perhaps named Bender.

As is obvious, I called this particular copy of On Target to his attention and he used it. It is my recollection that I also pointed out the importance of the content to you and asked that he call it to your attention.

I believe but am not certain that there is reference to my having given this material to the FBI in the limited and long-stonewalled compliance with my 1975 PA request. The 1976 appeal still has not been acted on. They don't love me. A friend who is younger and more able will search those records Monday. If it is there, I'll mail it because I believe it is important that with Grathwohl an FBI informer, whether or not they have any legal responsibility, it appears to be a safe assumption that they knew what was going on and failed to do what a police agency should do, with the resultant tragedies. My files hold other similar, if less tragic, illustrations in FBI records a college professor is now using for a scholarly paper.

This matter came to mind when Cathy Wilkerson gave herself up. I then phoned George Lardner of the Washington Post to see if it interested him. I'd assumed that his story would have appeared by now but the Post put him on the Billy Carter matter. I asked the friend who has the book research to provide me with a copy in the event the Post did not use the story soon and I informed Lardner and another reporter that if they didn't I'd make other uses. I received this copy yesterday and reread it. When I saw that Inmy is related I wrote him immediately and had the letter mailed in town last night.

In the Post the material may have been turned over to Paul Valentine and a reporter whose name I recall as Margot Hornblower, but I'm not certain. Paul is an old friend. I don't know the woman. I've heard nothing from them since informing them I wanted the story used soon.

If I'd had any way of getting in touch with the Wilkerson counsel I would have.

If you are aware of the Grathwohl book you may know more about him that I do. Nonetheless I'll enclose the best copies I can make of the few copies of clippings I still have.

I regret I have no press contacts in Detroit and Cincinnati and none I've been in touch with for a decade in San Francisco. However, I believe the morgues of newspapers in those cities might have further information. Perhaps grathwohl pictures

My wife has over-exposed the remote generation copy of On Target to make it more legible.

Despite their fondness for violence the Minutemen were relatively sophisticated. The Wilkerson notebooks are not their only such exploit nor the only one of which they boasted to their members, to whom On Target was sent. At I believe the University of Kansas the wife of one of their members slept with all the student activists she could to ~~[illegible]~~ compile lists and dossiers.

It is my recollection that at the time of this On Target DePugh was on the lam and it was prepared by his wife.

The marks and notations on the first 2 1/2 pages are mine, the others were on the copy I received. A partly retyped copy is more legible.

My apologies for my typing. Circulatory problems require that I type with my legs elevated. They also interfere with recall from time to time.

And my great respect for and appreciations of the fine things you have done. May you be able to do them for many years more!

Best Wishes,

Harold Weisberg